

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Bogomolov *et al.*      CONFIRMATION NO. 7653  
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TITLE: Methods For Characterizing a Mixture of Chemical Compounds

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on April 25, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment and Response.

Since the substantive Office action was mailed on April 25, 2008, Applicants submit that we have three months to respond to the substantive Office action, the restriction requirement issue already having been addressed in a phone conversation with the examiner. Therefore, Applicants believe that no other fees are due with this submission. However, if any other fee is required to have this Amendment and Response entered or considered, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension and authorization to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

**AMENDMENTS**

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows, without prejudice:

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.
- Remarks begin on page 4 of this Response.